

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, June 14, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 16, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the venue and regulate proceedings in prosecutions for rape; define and punish murder by mob violence; provide for the suspension and removal of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, chiefs of police, city marshals and other officers who permit it; and fix the venue and regulate proceedings in such cases,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed by a majority of said committee to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

STAFFORD, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Stafford, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

NINETEENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Tex., Tuesday, June 15.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Absent.

Colquitt.	Presler.
Dibrell.	

Excused.

Boren.	Tillett.
Stone.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: We thank Thee for Psalm and Gospel; that the olden seers through prophetic vision recognized this glorious age and sang of its

triumphs till the angel choir sang from the skies "Peace on earth and good will to man," and that to-day "All hail the power of Jesus' name" is sung over every continent and chanted on every island of the sea. May our breasts be the Bethlehem of his incarnation, and may our lives be the sphere of his illuminating and redeeming ministry. Help us to live wisely, with sobriety of heart, with dignity of purpose, and with obedience of will. Bless our country; make its harvest abundant and its commerce prosperous. Bless this immediate presence to-day. The Lord hears us, and let Thy pity be greater than our sins, and finally save us with all the pure and good, for Christ's sake. Amen.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Harrison, the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Turney,

Senator Goss was excused for absence from the Senate on Saturday and Monday, on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Neal,

Senator Yett was excused for absence on yesterday, on account of important business.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Turney:

Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5051 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to county warrants and payment of taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Bowser:

Senate joint resolution No. 1, to amend article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding to said article an additional section, to be numbered "section 21," for the encouragement of manufactures by exemption from taxation.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Call concluded.

PENDING BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate,

Senate bill No. 14, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 1069 and 1070. of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the appointment of special district judges, and to reduce the expenses of the State government,"

Action being on the following amendment:

By Senator Beall:

Amend by striking out all after the word "thereof" in line 17, page 1, down to and including the word "judge" in line 19.

Pending action,

On motion of Senator Yantis, the bill was laid on the table subject to call, on account of the absence of its author.

There being no further business,

On motion of Senator Linn of Victoria, the Senate took a recess until 11 o'clock.

AFTER RECESS.

Senate called to order by Lieutenant Governor Jester.

On motion of Senator Wayland, Page Wells Turner was excused for absence on yesterday, on account of sickness.

By consent, the following bill was introduced:

By Senator Bowser: .

Senate bill No. 19, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the purchase of supplies for the use of the State, county and municipal governments, institutions, officers and employes, and to fix a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this act."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committee reports were offered:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 15, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5051 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to county warrants and the payment of taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEWIS, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 15, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

Senate joint resolution No. 1, being a joint resolution to amend the Con-

stitution of the State of Texas by adding to article 8, section 21,

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

ATLEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 15, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 19, a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the purchase of supplies for the use of State, county and municipal governments, institutions, officers and employes, and to fix a penalty for the violation thereof,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

KERR, Acting Chairman.

Senator Turney moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and to take up and put upon its second reading,

Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5051 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to county warrants and payment of taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Colquitt.	Presler.
Dibrell.	

Excused.

Boren.	Tillett.
Stone.	

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Turney, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was sus-

pendent, and the bill put upon its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Atlee.	Linn of Wharton.
Bailey.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Gough.	Turney.
Greer.	Wayland.
Harrison.	Woods.
Kerr.	Yantis.
Lewis.	Yett.
Linn of Victoria.	

Nays—none.

Absent.

Colquitt.	Presler.
Dibrell.	

Excused.

Boren.	Tillett.
Stone.	

Bill read third time, and passed.

On motion of Senator Morriss, the Senate adjourned to 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beall.	Neal.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Burns.	Ross.
Darwin.	Stafford.
Goss.	Terrell.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Lewis.	Yantis.
Linn of Victoria.	Yett.
Morriss.	

Absent.

Atlee.	Gough.
Bailey.	Linn of Wharton.
Colquitt.	Presler.
Dibrell.	

Excused.

Boren.	Tillett.
Stone.	

Senator Lewis moved that the Secretary be given authority, in the event the State printer can not print the bills

as needed, to have them printed elsewhere.

Carried.

There being no business before the Senate,

On motion of Senator Linn of Victoria, the Senate took a recess to 4 p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

Senate called to order by Lieutenant Governor Jester.

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read,

Substitute House bills Nos. 6 and 19, entitled "An act to fix certain civil fees to be charged by certain county and precinct officers, and to fix and limit the fees and compensation of clerks of the district court, district attorneys, county attorneys, sheriffs and constables in felony cases, to be paid by the State; and to fix the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of the sheriff, clerk of the county court, county judge, district and county attorney, clerk of the district court, assessor and collector of taxes, justices of the peace and constables, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith."

By consent, the following bills were introduced:

By Senator Yett:

Senate bill No. 20, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3964 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted A. D. 1895, providing for the manner of taking the scholastic census, and repealing article 3965, 3966, 3967, 3968, 3969, 3970 and 3971 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Yantis:

Senate bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the venue and regulate the proceedings in prosecutions for rape."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, June 15, 1897.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 18, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 5051 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to county warrants and the payment of taxes, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

*And find the same correctly engrossed.

GOUGH, Chairman.

On motion of Senator Darwin, the Senate adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

TWENTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Tex., Wednesday, June 16.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Atlee.	Morriss.
Beall.	Neal.
Colquitt.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Ross.
Goss.	Stafford.
Gough.	Terrell.
Greer.	Turney.
Harrison.	Wayland.
Kerr.	Woods.
Linn, Victoria.	Yantis.
Linn, Wharton.	Yett.

Absent.

Bailey.	Dibrell.
Bowser.	Lewis.
Burns.	Presler.

Excused.

Boren.	Tillett.
Stone.	

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. F. S. Jackson, as follows:

Almighty God: Save us from sin; the sin of unbelief, the sin of ingratitude and the sin of presumption. Give us renewed natures—natures alive to righteousness. Hearts that love law, the moral law, as well as the civil law. Make Thy purpose concerning us supreme in our wills. Help us to rightly repent for all overt acts of sin, and with all the strength and dignity of our manhood, do so no more. Strengthen in us every noble purpose and high endeavor. Guide us to-day. For Christ's sake. Amen.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Yett, the same was dispensed with.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Greer:

Senate bill No. 21, a bill to be entitled "An act to fix the fees of county and district clerks for recording returns, and to amend section 10 of substitute House bill for House bills Nos. 6 and 19, passed at the first special session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, being a bill entitled, 'An act to fix certain civil fees to be charged by certain county and precinct officers, and to fix and limit the fees and compensation of clerks of the district court, district attorneys, county attorneys, sheriffs and constables in felony cases, to be paid by the State, and to fix the compensation of assessors and collectors of taxes, and to limit and regulate the compensation of the sheriff, clerk of the county court, county judge, district and county attorney, clerk of the district court, assessor and collector of taxes, justices of the peace and constables, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith.'"

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Call concluded.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

The following House message was received:

Hall House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, June 16, 1897.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate of the passage of the following bill:

House bill No. 31, entitled "An act to define the Thirty-eighth judicial district, and prescribing the times of holding district courts in the various counties thereof."

Also,

House concurrent resolution No. 4, pertaining to the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature and the acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, both sessions, in one volume.

Respectfully,

LEE J. ROUNTREE, Chief Clerk.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 15, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 3051, chapter 2, of title LVIII, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, giving the Commissioner of Insurance power to examine into the condition